

Union Calendar No. 174

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 23

[Report No. 108–151]

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2003

Mr. BACHUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

JUNE 12, 2003

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. DAVIS of
Alabama, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. MORAN of Kansas

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

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of 1974 to authorize communities to use community de-
velopment block grant funds for construction of tornado-
safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tornado Shelters Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

6 Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community De-
 7 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking “and” at the
 9 end;

10 (2) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at
 11 the end and inserting a semicolon;

12 (3) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-
 13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(24) the construction or improvement of tor-
 15 nado-safe shelters located in manufactured housing
 16 parks; and the provision of assistance (including
 17 loans and grants) to nonprofit or for-profit entities
 18 (including owners of such parks) for such construc-
 19 tion or improvement, except that—

20 “(A) a shelter assisted with amounts pro-
 21 vided pursuant to this paragraph may be lo-
 22 cated only in a manufactured housing park
 23 that—

24 “(i) has not less than 20 manufac-
 25 tured housing units; and

1 “(ii) is located in a State within which
2 a tornado has occurred during the fiscal
3 year for which the amounts to be used
4 under this paragraph were made available
5 or any of the 3 preceding fiscal years, as
6 determined by the Secretary after con-
7 sultation with the Director of the Federal
8 Emergency Management Agency;

9 “(B) such a shelter shall comply with
10 standards for construction and safety as the
11 Secretary, after consultation with the Director
12 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
13 shall provide to ensure protection from torna-
14 does;

15 “(C) such a shelter shall be of a size suffi-
16 cient to accommodate all occupants of the man-
17 ufactured housing park at a single time; and

18 “(D) amounts may not be used for a shel-
19 ter as provided under this paragraph unless
20 there is located, within 1000 feet of the manu-
21 factured housing park in which the shelter is lo-
22 cated, a warning siren that is operated in ac-
23 cordance with such local, regional, or national
24 disaster warning programs or systems as the
25 Secretary, after consultation with the Director

1 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
 2 considers appropriate to ensure adequate notice
 3 of occupants of the park of a tornado; and”.

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 14 *lowing new paragraph:*

15 *“(24) the construction or improvement of tor-*
 16 *nado-safe shelters for residents of manufactured hous-*
 17 *ing, and the provision of assistance (including loans*
 18 *and grants) to nonprofit and for-profit entities (in-*
 19 *cluding owners of manufactured housing parks) for*
 20 *such construction or improvement, except that—*

21 *“(A) a shelter assisted with amounts pro-*
 22 *vided pursuant to this paragraph may be located*
 23 *only in a neighborhood (including a manufac-*
 24 *tured housing park) that—*

1 “(i) contains not less than 20 manu-
2 factured housing units that are within such
3 proximity to the shelter that the shelter is
4 available to the residents of such units in
5 the event of a tornado;

6 “(ii) consists predominantly of persons
7 of low and moderate income; and

8 “(iii) is located within a State in
9 which a tornado has occurred during the
10 fiscal year for which the amounts to be used
11 under this paragraph were made available
12 or any of the 3 preceding fiscal years, as de-
13 termined by the Secretary after consultation
14 with the Director of the Federal Emergency
15 Management Agency;

16 “(B) such a shelter shall comply with stand-
17 ards for construction and safety as the Secretary,
18 after consultation with the Director of the Fed-
19 eral Emergency Management Agency, shall pro-
20 vide to ensure protection from tornadoes;

21 “(C) such a shelter shall be of a size suffi-
22 cient to accommodate, at a single time, all occu-
23 pants of manufactured housing units located
24 within the neighborhood in which the shelter is
25 located; and

1 “(D) amounts may not be used for a shelter
2 as provided under this paragraph unless there is
3 located, within the neighborhood in which the
4 shelter is located (or, in the case of a shelter lo-
5 cated in a manufactured housing park, within
6 1,500 feet of such park), a warning siren that is
7 operated in accordance with such local, regional,
8 or national disaster warning programs or sys-
9 tems as the Secretary, after consultation with the
10 Director of the Federal Emergency Management
11 Agency, considers appropriate to ensure adequate
12 notice of occupants of manufactured housing lo-
13 cated in such neighborhood or park of a tornado;
14 and”.

15 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 *In addition to any amounts otherwise made available*
17 *for grants under title I of the Housing and Community De-*
18 *velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), there is*
19 *authorized to be appropriated for assistance only for activi-*
20 *ties pursuant to section 105(a)(24) of such Act \$5,000,000*
21 *for fiscal year 2004.*

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